

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8-10, 12, 13 and 15-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 are amended, and claims 1-5, 7, 11, 14, and 21-35 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to pursue the subject matter of the canceled withdrawn claims 1-5 and 21-35. Independent claims 6 and 15 are amended to include the features of claim 7 (now cancelled). Independent claims 10 and 16 are amended to include the features of claim 11 (now cancelled). Independent claims 12 and 13 are amended to include the features of claim 14 (now cancelled). Claims 8 and 9 are rewritten in independent form to include the features of original claim 6. No new matter is added.

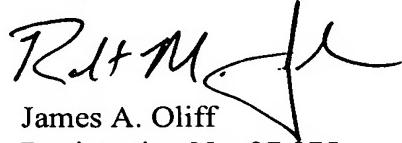
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 17-20 are allowed, and that claims 7-9, 11 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 6 is amended to include the features of claim 7 (now cancelled), claims 8 and 9 are rewritten in independent form to include the features of original claim 6; claim 10 is amended to include the features of claim 11 (now cancelled), and claim 13 is amended to include the features of claim 14 (now cancelled). Thus, claims 6, 8-10 and 13 are allowable.

Claims 12, 15 and 16 are allowable because they include the allowable features of claims 14, 7 and 11, respectively.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims 6, 8-10, 12, 13 and 15-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Petition for Extension of Time

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